



Elf Hats

- Sizes:** Baby: 15-16 inch head circumference. (1 ball green, 1 ball red, 1 ball pink)
 Child: 17-18 inch head circumference. (1 ball green, 1 ball red, 1 ball pink)
 Youth: 19-20 inch head circumference. (1 ball green, 1 ball red, 1 ball pink)
 Adult: 21-23 inch head circumference. (2 balls Main Colour, 1 ball for trim, 1 ball pink for ears)
- Materials:** 2-5 balls PolarKnit™ 50m/55yds
 1 set 7mm (US 10³/₄) double pointed needles
 One 7mm (US 10³/₄) circular needle (15-16 inches long)
 1 set 6mm (US 10) straight needles (for Elf Ears only)
 3 stitch markers
 Darning needle
- Gauge:** 12 sts and 16 rows = 10cm (4 inches) in stocking stitch. 3sts per inch.
- Variations:** The tippy top of the hat is open to all kinds of interpretation. You can add a pom-pom, let the top stick straight up or wind it in on itself and create a spiral.

Instructions:

Baby Hat with Knitted Fringe:

Using 7mm circular needle (or dpn's) cast on 51sts. Join into a round making sure you do not twist your sts. Continue to knit in the round until the hat measures 3 inches from the cast on edge.

Decrease Crown.

Row 1 - *K15, K2tog, place marker* repeat 2 more times. (48sts)

Row 2 - *K14, K2tog* repeat 2 more times. (45sts)

Continue in this decreasing manner, knitting 2tog before ever marker. If you are using a circular needle you will need to change to dpn's. Continue decreasing until 3sts remain. Start making an i-cord until it measures 4 inches long. You can choose to leave the i-cord sticking straight up or wind it in on itself and make a spiral top.

Now make the fringe. (Refer to Fringe Pattern below.)

Make 2 small Elf Ears and attach them at a slight angle and on either sides of the hat. (Refer to Elf Ear Pattern below.)

Baby Hat with Ribbed Edge:

Using 7mm circular needle (or dpn's) cast on 52sts. Join into a round making sure you do not twist you sts.

Begin a rib pattern of K2, P2 in the round. Continue this ribbing for 6 rounds. At the beginning of the next round, K2tog once (you will now have 51sts) and continue to knit every round until the hat measures 3 inches from the cast on edge.

Decrease Crown:

Refer to directions above under Baby Hat with Knitted Fringe.

Child Hat with Knitted Fringe:

Using 7mm circular needle (or dpn's) cast on 57sts. Join into a round making sure you do not twist your sts. Continue to knit in the round until the hat measures 3 ½ inches from the cast on edge.

Decrease Crown.

Row 1 - *K17, K2tog, place marker* repeat 2 more times. (54sts)

Row 2 - *K16, K2tog* repeat 2 more times. (51sts)

Continue in this decreasing manner, knitting 2tog before ever marker. If you are using a circular needle you will need to change to dpn's. Continue decreasing until 6sts remain. Knit three rounds and then decrease to 3sts. Knit 2 rounds and bind off.

Now make the fringe. (Refer to Fringe Pattern below.)

Make 2 small or medium Elf Ears and attach them at a slight angle and on either sides of the hat. (Refer to Elf Ear Pattern below.)

Child Hat with Ribbed Edge:

Using 7mm circular needle (or dpn's) cast on 56sts. Join into a round making sure you do not twist you sts.

Begin a rib pattern of K2, P2 in the round. Continue this ribbing for 6 rounds. At the beginning of the next round, M1 (make one stitch), you will now have 57sts. Continue to knit every round until the hat measures 3 ½ inches from the cast on edge.

Decrease Crown:

Refer to directions above under Child Hat with Knitted Fringe.

Youth Hat with Knitted Fringe:

Using 7mm circular needle (or dpn's) cast on 60sts. Join into a round making sure you do not twist your sts. Continue to knit in the round until the hat measures 4 inches from the cast on edge.

Decrease Crown.

Row 1 - *K18, K2tog, place marker* repeat 2 more times. (57sts)

Row 2 - *K17, K2tog* repeat 2 more times. (54sts)

Continue in this decreasing manner, knitting 2tog before ever marker. If you are using a circular needle you will need to change to dpn's. Continue decreasing until 6sts remain. Knit three rounds and then decrease to 3sts. Knit 2 rounds and bind off.

Now make the fringe. (Refer to Fringe Pattern below.)

Make 2 medium Elf Ears and attach them at a slight angle and on either sides of the hat. (Refer to Elf Ear Pattern below.)

Youth Hat with Ribbed Edge:

Using 7mm circular needle (or dpn's) cast on 60sts. Join into a round making sure you do not twist you sts.

Begin a rib pattern of K2, P2 in the round. Continue this ribbing for 8 rounds. Continue to knit every round until the hat measures 4 inches from the cast on edge.

Decrease Crown:

Refer to directions above under Child Hat with Knitted Fringe.

Adult Hat with Knitted Fringe:

Using 7mm circular needle (or dpn's) cast on 63sts. Join into a round making sure you do not twist your sts. Continue to knit in the round until the hat measures 4 ½ inches from the cast on edge.

Decrease Crown.

Row 1 - *K19, K2tog, place marker* repeat 2 more times. (60sts)

Row 2 - *K18, K2tog* repeat 2 more times. (57sts)

Continue in this decreasing manner, knitting 2tog before ever marker. If you are using a circular needle you will need to change to dpn's. Continue decreasing until 6sts remain. Knit three rounds and then decrease to 3sts. Knit 2 rounds and bind off.

Now make the fringe. (Refer to Fringe Pattern below.)

Make 2 medium or large Elf Ears and attach them at a slight angle and on either sides of the hat. (Refer to Elf Ear Pattern below.)

Adult Hat with Ribbed Edge:

Using 7mm circular needle (or dpn's) cast on 64sts. Join into a round making sure you do not twist you sts. Begin a rib pattern of K2, P2 in the round. Continue this ribbing for 6 rounds. At the beginning of the next round K2tog, you will now have 63sts. Continue to knit every round until the hat measures 4 ½ inches from the cast on edge.

Decrease Crown:

Refer to directions above under Child Hat with Knitted Fringe.

Knitted Fringe:

Using two 7mm dpn's cas on 8sts.

Row 1 - Slip 1, K7.

Row 2 - K2tog, K6.

Row 3 - Slip 1, K6.

Row 4 - K2tog, K5.

Row 5 - Slip 1, K5.

Row 6 - K2tog, K4.

Row 7 - Slip 1, K4.

Row 8 - K2tog, K3.

Row 9 - Slip 1, K3.

Row 10 - K2tog, K2.

Row 11 - Slip 1, K2, cast on 5sts.

Row 12 - K8.

This completes one triangle of the fringe. Repeat rows 1-12 for each additional triangle.

Baby Hat - 9 triangles

Child Hat - 9 triangles

Youth Hat - 10 triangles

Adult Hat - 11triangles

When you have knit the required number of triangles for your size hat, bind off the last 8sts. Using a darning needle and a scrap piece of yarn attach the fringe to the base of your hat.

Important Note: It is better to have a fringe that is a little longer than the finished circumference of the hat. If it is too short, when you attach it to the edge of the hat it will pull the rim too tight and constrict the finished hat circumference.

Elf Ears:

Small - Make 2 identical ears for Baby Elf Hat

Using 6mm needles cast on 3sts.

Row 1 - Purl row.

Row 2 - K1, M1 (make one), K1, M1, K1. (5sts)

Row 3 - Purl row.

Row 4 - K1, M1, K3, M1, K1. (7sts)

Row 5 - Purl row.

Row 6 - K1, M1, K5, M1, K1. (9sts)

Row 7 - Purl row.

Row 8 - K1, M1, K7, M1, K1. (11sts)

Row 9 - Purl row.
Row 10 - Knit row.
Row 11 - Purl row.
Row 12 - Knit row.
Row 13 - Purl row.
Row 14 - Knit row.
Row 15 - Purl row.
Row 16 - *K2tog, K1* repeat ending row with K2tog. (7sts)
Row 17 - P1, P2tog, P1, P2tog, P1.
Row 18 - K2tog, K1, K2tog.
Row 19 - P3tog.
Break yarn and thread yarn through remaining stitches. Draw tightly and secure.
Finishing ear - refer to bottom of Large Ear for instructions.

Medium - Make 2 identical ears for Child or Youth Elf Hat.

Using 6mm needles cast on 5sts.

Row 1 - Purl row.
Row 2 - K1, M1 (make one), K3, M1, K1. (7sts)
Row 3 - Purl row.
Row 4 - K1, M1, K5, M1, K1. (9sts)
Row 5 - Purl row.
Row 6 - K1, M1, K7, M1, K1. (11sts)
Row 7 - Purl row.
Row 8 - K1, M1, K9, M1, K1. (13sts)
Row 9 - Purl row.
Row 10 - Knit row.
Row 11 - Purl row.
Row 12 - Knit row.
Row 13 - Purl row.
Row 14 - Knit row.
Row 15 - Purl row.
Row 16 - Knit row.
Row 17 - Purl row.
Row 18 - *K1, K2tog* repeat ending row with K1.
Row 19 - Purl row.
Row 20 - K2, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K2. (7sts)
Row 21 - P1, P2tog, P1, P2tog, P1. (5sts)
Row 22 - K2tog, K1, K2tog.
Row 23 - P3tog.
Break yarn and thread yarn through remaining stitches. Draw tightly and secure.
Finishing ear - refer to bottom of Large Ear for instructions.

Large - Make 2 identical ears for Adult Elf Hat.

Using 6mm needles cast on 7sts.

Row 1 - Purl row.
Row 2 - K1, M1 (make one), K5, M1, K1. (9sts)
Row 3 - Purl row.
Row 4 - K1, M1, K7, M1, K1. (11sts)
Row 5 - Purl row.
Row 6 - K1, M1, K9, M1, K1. (13sts)
Row 7 - Purl row.
Row 8 - K1, M1, K11, M1, K1. (15sts)

Row 9 - Purl row.
Row 10 - Knit row.
Row 11 - Purl row.
Row 12 - Knit row.
Row 13 - Purl row.
Row 14 - Knit row.
Row 15 - Purl row.
Row 16 - Knit row.
Row 17 - Purl row.
Row 18 - Knit row.
Row 19 - Purl row.
Row 20 - Knit row.
Row 21 - Purl row.
Row 22 - K1, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K3, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K1. (11sts)
Row 23 - Purl row.
Row 24 - *K2tog, K1* repeat ending with K2tog. (7sts)
Row 25 - P1, P2tog, P1, P2tog, P1. (5sts)
Row 26 - K2tog, K1, K2tog.
Row 27 - P3tog.
Break yarn and thread yarn through remaining stitches. Draw tightly and secure.

Finishing ear:

Fold the two long sides of the ear back to create a little ridge. Stitch this ridge in place using a darning needle and a scrap piece of yarn. Take the top tip of the ear between your fingers and pinch, tack this into place with several strong stitches using another scrap piece of yarn.

Always machine wash your finished garment to rid it of residual fluff.

